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From: BRIGHT, ANDREA J
Sent: Friday, October 1, 2021 2:55 PM
To: (b)(6);(b)(7)(C) HARRIS, MELVIN
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Subject: RE: Horse Patrol PAG

Good afternoon,

Can you provide an update to the DAC and me on this? It sounds like the intent was to release the investigation by today...

Thanks!

Andrea Bright

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Sent: Wednesday, September 22, 2021 10:09 AM
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Subject: FW: Horse Patrol PAG

AC,

FYSA. ER, OCC, PDO are meeting this morning to discuss the horse patrol incident on the southern border.

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From (b)(6);(b)(7)(C)
Sent: Wednesday, September 22, 2021 9:36 AM
To: DEMELLA, JILL (b)(6);(b)(7)(C)
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From (b)(6);(b)(7)(C)
Sent: Wednesday, September 22, 2021 9:06 AM

T (b)(6);(b)(7)(C) CARPIO, PHILIP (OCC)

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We'll be on.

From (b)(6);(b)(7)(C)

Sent: Wednesday, September 22, 2021 9:01 AM

To: CARPIO, PHILIP (OC (b)(6);(b)(7)(C)

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Subject: FW: Horse Patrol PAG

Importance: High

Team OCC/LER/PRIV

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Keep an eye out for an invite in TEAMS; fingers crossed for full participation. If you won't be available, can you please try and designate a surrogate to listen in.

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From: KLEIN, MATTHEW (O R (b)(6);(b)(7)(C)

Sent: Wednesday, September 22, 2021 8:41 AM

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Subject: FW: Horse Patrol PAG

From: HUFFMAN, BENJAMINE (b)(6);(b)(7)(C)

Sent: Tuesday, September 21, 2021 8:32 PM

To: KLEIN, MATTHEW (O (b)(6);(b)(7)(C)

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FYSA

From: MIRANDA, LUIS (b)(6);(b)(7)(C) >
Sent: Tuesday, September 21, 2021 8:14 PM
To: ORTIZ, RAUL (b)(6);(b)(7)(C); HUFFMAN, BENJAMINE C
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Quick read out of the S1 appearance on MSNBC:

Reid started highlight VP comments, then the POTUS comments that the Administration will “get the situation under control.”

Obvious 1st question, to your knowledge were these agents on horseback, why were they permitted to operate in this way, and is this some sort of standard procedure to corral people using horse back maneuvers that really look like you’re herding cattle?

S1: Thank you very much for having me on the show. The matter is under investigation as I mentioned to the Vice President when I talked with her earlier today. Let me be very clear. I too was horrified by the images captured by photographers with respect to the activities of border patrol agents on horseback. We do not condone, we do not tolerate any mistreatment of any migrant.

What we did is we directed an immediate investigation of the events that were captured in the photographs and on video.

I have ensured that the top leadership of the office of prof responsibility lead that investigation and that it be conducted thoroughly and swiftly.

We need this resolved swiftly, and in fact I anticipate that the results of the investigation will be available by the end of next week, and I have committed to making those results public.

I also alerted, we the dept alerted the dept’s office of inspector general.

Third, I directed that the OPR be on site in Del Rio 24/7 to make sure that the conduct of our employees is consistent with the policies, the training, and the values of this dept.

Lastly, if I may, the individuals who are the subject of the investigation are on administrative duties, currently, they are not executing their other law enforcement duties, and they are not to be interacting with any migrants at this time during the pendency of this investigation. The actions we are taking are swift and strong. And we will take further action as the facts deduced in the investigation compel.

That was going to be my 2nd question, was if those indeed were DHS employees...why are these individuals being sent back..Haiti is completely unstable...health/political/physical...why would anyone be deported back...

We make a determination, the DHS and DOS make a determination whether conditions are such that country can receive nationals in it...TPS ---July 29...country is capable ...subsequent to that date...

Chuck Schumer is calling to an end to Title 42... 20,000 Haitians gathered in Colombia...1,500 in Panama, 3,000 in Peru...not illegal to seek asylum...will DHS end this T42 policy?

Let me be clear about what T42 is and is not...it is not an immig policy, it is an authority CDC has in light of public health imperatives...

Covid risk if sent back to Haiti... does DHS plan to listen to Schumer and stop deporting people?

It is currently our govt’s intention to continue to exercise our country’s T42 imperative...subject of ongoing litigation...

we believe the law permits the exercise of that authority and that is why we are pursuing that authority in court.

...families in other countries wanting to pursue asylum, how do they do that?

We are focused on a multi part strategy to address irregular migration...root causes... rebuilding asylum laws...if I may...people are receiving incorrect info from smugglers who are exploiting people's vulnerabilities for profit. We are focused on ...these individuals receive accurate information...do not take dangerous journey...I communicated to Haitian journalists this past Sunday so that critical message could be broadcast...throughout the region.

From: MIRANDA, LUIS A

Sent: Tuesday, September 21, 2021 7:23 PM

To: ORTIZ, RAUL (b)(6);(b)(7)(C); HUFFMAN, BENJAMINE C

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To update everyone on this chain on the back and forth with DHS, the pieces being worked on right now are:

- A DHS Fact Sheet on the efforts we've taken to provide humanitarian response
- S1 is going to be on MSNBC's Joy Reid show at 7:40 to try to calm things down.
 - Related to this, please see the draft statement below AS Espinosa sent us. I'm not clear if she wants this to go from CBP or DHS, but to have it go out as he goes out on air.
- An email from B1 to employees with an update on the incident and thanking agents/personnel/allies (draft attached)
- Two B1 Videos distributed through Social Media/YouTube
 - One on incident/thanking employees (could be same as attached script. The original was only the thanking part, which might be possible but not before we address the incident)
 - One similar to the fact sheet, B1 laying out all of the work with a humanitarian response focus
- A tour of the medical facility that got fully up and running as of 1800 today (probably tomorrow morning, either CNN exclusive or CNN/Fox/NBC) with Dr. Tarantino.
- Getting the images of the birth that took place overnight to NBC as an exclusive, prior to posting on our social media.

STATEMENT

The agents involved in yesterday's incidents in Del Rio have been placed on nonenforcement duties and are not currently interacting with migrants.

CBP Office of Professional Responsibility has started on a thorough investigation expected to be done by the end of next week. Following a review of the report, leadership will take immediate action as necessary.

CBP is also reviewing current policies, procedures and training materials.

Border Patrol leadership has also provided operational guidance to horse patrol units to keep order, as well as to look for any migrants that are in need or medical distress. Any abuse or mistreatment or discriminatory treatment of migrants is unacceptable. It is against CBP's policy, training, and core values.

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Attached with my edits. If we get a line on why we use the Horse Patrols for crowd control or anything else that needs review on the curriculum that would be great, but if that's going to take time I can start moving this through DHS for approvals.

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Sent: Tuesday, September 21, 2021 1:59 PM

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Subject: RE: Horse Patrol PAG

Thank you.

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Chief, AC,

Please see attached edits/comments, addin (b)(6);(b)(7)(C) for his edits around the curriculum.

Note: once we are complete with edits this must go back to AC Miranda and still requires DHS clearance.

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Chief,

Please see attached PAG for Horse Patrol incident.

Available to discuss.

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